

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Democracy thrives on disagreement. If all the newspapers and all the TV stations are owned by the same people, and the people who work at the newspapers and TV stations are beholden to those people for their livelihood, chances are they are not likely to disagree with one another. Such a dearth of argumentation in the media, on which our republic depends, would be poison.